

MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

June 18, 2009

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Kuhlke, Chairman
Larry Walker, Vice Chairman
Roy Herrington
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Rudy Bowen
Steve Farrow
David Doss
Bobby Parham
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Gerald Ross, Commissioner
Steve Henry, COO
Elizabeth Osmon
Earl Mahfuz
Sandra Burgess
Chris Tomlinson

Chairman Bill Kuhlke opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Johnny Floyd gave the invocation.

Chairman Kuhlke opened the nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board. Brandon Beach made a motion to nominate Rudy Bowen for Vice Chairman of the Board, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved. There being no other nominees, Rudy Bowen was elected Vice Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Kuhlke opened the nominations for Chairman of the Board. Larry Walker made a motion to nominate Bill Kuhlke for Chairman of the Board, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved. There being no other nominees, Bill Kuhlke was elected Chairman of the State Transportation Board.

Larry Walker made a motion for Vance Smith to be Commissioner of the Department of Transportation effective as soon as possible, but no later than June 25, 2009; serve at the pleasure of the Board and set the salary the same as the Interim Commissioner, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2009 meetings. Roy Herrington made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2009 meetings, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Singleton, Assistant Director of Preconstruction, presented the projects proposed for the July 2009 Letting for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve. Roy Herrington made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the July 2009 Letting, seconded by Rudy Bowen and unanimously approved.*

Angela Alexander, Director of Planning & Data, stated there were no proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for June 2009.

Angela Alexander also presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for July 2009.*

Ben Rabun, Executive Assistant to Chief Engineer, gave an update on the HOV-HOT 3 Lanes. Ben Rabun stated that the public meetings will start next week Tuesday-Saturday and the project is on schedule. Dana Lemon requested that staff provide feedback from the public to the Board at the next meeting.

Chris Tomlinson, General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included civil actions and construction claims.

Commissioner Gerald Ross gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure ending May 31, 2009; major projects open to traffic; ARRA 2009 stimulus activities and topics of interest.* Commissioner Ross also thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Interim Commissioner.* There was some discussion regarding Phase II of the Stimulus program. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the list of projects to send to the Governor's office for Phase II of the Stimulus Program, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Steve Henry, COO, requested that the Board approve the following comprehensive zoning resolution. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Catoosa County	Amend Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Resolved this 18th day of June, 2009.

Steve Henry also gave an update on Rightsizing for Organizational Efficiency, GDOT Maintenance Work, which included routine maintenance crews and maintenance activities. Dana Lemon requested that the local government be allowed to go through the permit process for approval for mowing on the state's right-of-way.

David Doss and Robert Brown gave a report from the Joint Alternative Finance/Program Delivery Committee. David Doss stated that Earl Mahfuz, Treasurer, gave a presentation on the changes for Public Private Partnerships (P3). David Doss stated that P3 projects may be initiated if they are in the STIP; provide economic benefit or provide congestion mitigation. Earl Mahfuz also presented a list of proposed projects for P3 for their review and feedback. David Doss also stated that Matthew Fowler, Office of

Planning, gave a presentation on the Managed Lane System Plan and P3's. Robert Brown stated that Chris Tomlinson gave a presentation on Senate Bill 200 Implementation. Robert Brown stated that it was decided that Senate Bill 200 will be discussed in detail at a Special Called Board meeting.

Larry Walker gave a report from the Intermodal Committee. Larry Walker stated that Erik Steavens, Director of Intermodal Programs, gave a presentation on the 2009 Interim State Rail Plan for Georgia. Larry Walker stated that rail plan will sent to the Federal Highway by August 1, 2009.

Sam Wellborn gave a report from the Finance Committee. Sam Wellborn stated that Earl Mahfuz, Assistant Treasurer gave an update on Right-of-Way De-authorization. Kate Pfirman, Treasurer, gave an update on the FY 2009 Budget. Sam Wellborn stated that David Doss requested that Kate Pfirman submit a budget amendment to the Office of Planning & Budget (OPB) to request \$56 million, a portion of the \$75 million in toll credits, for the FY 09 Budget.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Equal Access Committee. Johnny Floyd stated that Michael Cooper, Director of EEO, gave a presentation on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE) Goals for 2009-2010. Johnny Floyd stated that Michael Cooper recommended that the DBE Goal for 2009-2010 be 12%, with 10% race conscious and 2% race neutral and will be advertised for 45 days for public comment. Johnny Floyd also stated after the public comment period, Commissioner will send a letter to Federal Highway recommending the 12% goal by the August 1, 2009, deadline.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to adjourn. Roy Herrington made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.

Approved:



Bill Kuhlke, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**